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The Avenue at Ninth

The Sportlight

by Granland Rice

The Goat-Getter.

The side hill putt, two feet long,
Is neither tall nor thick nor strong;
Yet it has made more millions curse
Than crime or poverty, or wars.

If you care for the intimate details as to why Detroit isn't around the top, the main answer can be found attached to Harry Cobb's side. Last season the big Fole blew himself to twenty-four victories. This season he has so far garnered precisely three. That's reason enough.

The Runmakers.

The two best run makers in baseball are secluded or sequestered upon one club. They are Ty Cobb and Donie Bush. Cobb so far has seventy-four runs and Bush has sixty-nine. These two are well beyond the third man, who at present happens to be Heinie Groh, with six three.

Bush is only batting around .270, but he has Ty Cobb and B

reach back of him. Donie is a great little man to get on, one way or another, and first time he arrives. This combination with Cobb and Veach adding further impetus, is sufficient to account for his standing.

Cobb is undoubtedly the greatest run maker baseball has ever known. In this respect he has never had an equal in the game. I am not only a great hitter, but a first-class man at waiting for a pass and once on the bases he outclasses the field.

Cobb will average more than hundred runs each year, and one season he set the mark at 148 tiesles. He will not reach 148 this year but he will very likely pass 150, enough to give him a wide margin on the rest of the field.

Bush's Banner Campaign.

So far this has been the best campaign Donie Bush has known in many years. Bush ordinarily is around .275 or .280 at bat. This season he is up around .270 and is playing brilliantly again, at short.

Chapman is the only shortstop in the circuit who is outbating him and the Cleveland star is up over .400.

When It Will Happen.

The umpire called the runner out
Who should have tied the score;
But no one rose with maudlin shout
Or countered with a roar;

No one called him a thieving bum
Or eke impugned his birth;
But that was a peace had come
Upon a war-sick earth.

The Neutralists are still receiving it under the right and left ear. The latest casualty forced that eminent Norwegian, Miss Bolla Bjørnsted, who fell back before the fusillade of Miss Browne. The defeat of Miss Bjørnsted proves that nothing whatsoever is invincible if persists in continuing the schedule.

The debate as to whether Benny Leonard is or is not as good as Joe Gans is a companion piece to which had the greatest speed—Joe Rusie or Walter Johnson. There is nothing in the world that makes fine material for a stirring debate as something that no one could ever hope to prove.

August Literature.

I've held off from the tariff;
I've skidded from the war;
And little do I care if
They play the course in par;
No time have I for trifles,
Besides the One Best Bet
To find out the temperature
Has cracked the record yet.

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We have just observed two sections of literature entitled "The Art of Umpiring" and "The Art of Putting." The arts attached to both of them—the one which is for any system you can get by with is the right system.

Another victory for Force of Habit. Old Man Plank is working with a tall-end club, and yet at forty-two he has won more games than he has lost. Once you get started right, the impetus will carry you a long way in the proper direction.

Mathewson, whenever he finishes, has smashed all world's records. He has come to the list of August Redland without the people demanding his scalp. As a rule, the insistent clamor of the Redland multitude has begun early in July, which will be the normal date for the Red stampede toward the bottom.

As long as a certain number of students are going to college this fall, we see no reason why they shouldn't play football to keep up their training. Football is the best build-up for war work known. And both West Point and the United States Military Academy can be turned out while intensive training for other purposes is under way.

H. G. M. wants to know whether or not Benny Leonard has enlisted, as advertised by his press agents. Not that we have observed